

## How "Holy Roller" Apostles Were Tared and Feathered by White Caps

The death of Creffield by the hands of a young man whom he had deeply wronged, recalls the incidents at Corvallis in which the bogus saint was tared and feathered. The date was January 4, 1904. The story as told in the Times at the time it happened, runs this, in part:

"Tar and feathers were administered to Apostles Creffield and Brooks by a crowd of twenty men Monday night. The affair took place under the light of a winter moon near the first bridge near the sawmill at about 10 o'clock. The white caps crossed the ferry and went over to the Beach House, 200 yards to the eastward. They stole noiselessly up to the house, which they surrounded. Then they broke in the front door, took the apostles, and recrossing the ferry, went to the bridge, where the clothing was removed from both men and tar and feathers applied. With the ceremony complete, their clothing was again put on, and the apostles told to leave the vicinity and not to return or worse treatment might be applied. They started north along the Albany road, running at full speed. When the affair was in progress Brooks was stoical, never uttering a word. Just before the tar and feathers were applied, however, Creffield, who had trembled all along, said, 'Let us pray.' 'We heard too much of your prayers already,' was the gruff response of one of the party, and Creffield had nothing more to say.

### No Attempt at Secrecy.

"There was no attempt at secrecy by those who took part in the affair. None wore masks, and none affected a disguise. The identity of many of the party is known, and all are men of standing and character. They say there was not a boy or hoodlum in the party. In the main they were persons who have felt the unhappy consequences of the strange spell the apostles seem to exert on the members of families often in a way to bring sorrow and trouble.

"At the Beach house a dozen members of the rollers held a rendezvous for the past month. When the white caps arrived they immediately surrounded the house, barring all avenues of escape. Then several stalwart men advanced to the front door, and, after a loud knock, burst in. Nearly a dozen rollers were in the room, Brooks and Creffield among them. Some of them were seated on chairs and others on the floor. Most of them were barefooted.

"At the sudden appearance of the intruders the members of the sect were more or less startled. Brooks and Creffield were told to put on their shoes. The female portion of the assembly began to sing and so continued during the rest of the ceremony. Brooks and Creffield obeyed the order to put on their shoes and hats and both were tied together, and led out of the door. After leaving the house the party marched directly to the ferry and crossed to the Corvallis side. On the boat, the captors stood close about the prophets to prevent any attempt to escape. Passing under the electric lights en route, the white caps came directly from the ferry to Main street, and then went north on Main street past the sawmill, and on north to the first bridge.

### Dramatic Scene.

Halting there they ordered the prophets to remove their clothing. The men did as told. The scene at the moment was dramatic. The moon shone clear and bright in the east, with the two apostles, nude and shivering in the center of the group. Silence was only broken by the movements of the men and an occasional remark, sometimes of a jocular character. One man, surveying Creffield after the tar and feath-

ers had been well smeared, remarked, 'Well, you would make a fine old Santa Claus now.' Creffield made no reply. All the time he trembled like an aspen, and was undoubtedly much frightened. It was otherwise with Brooks, who was stoical throughout and apparently undisturbed by the proceedings. After the incident, Creffield returned to the Beach house and an attempt was made to remove the tar and feathers. The next day Creffield was married at Albany, after which he disappeared. The next time he was seen in Corvallis was when he was dragged nude, blinking and skinny from under the Hurt house.

The killing of Creffield at Seattle brings to mind the long period of hiding from the authorities in which he spent something like four months under the house of O. V. Hurt of Corvallis. The discovery was made by Roy Hurt, aged 14, at 11 o'clock on the morning of July 29, 1904. The story of it was told as follows in the Times of the 30th:

### Hides Under House.

"With his body entirely nude and his frame a mass of skin and bones from the effects of his famished condition, Creffield, the man who, by his wild religious teachings has sent a half dozen of his followers to the insane asylum and several others at the Boys' and Girls' Home in Portland, was found secreted under the house of O. V. Hurt yesterday morning, and at a quarter to eleven o'clock was lodged in the Benton county jail at Corvallis. The discovery was made by Roy Hurt. He was looking for corks under the house, when he noticed something white in the northeast corner. He crawled out from under the house, and pulling out bricks in the foundation here and there, discovered first a pillow, and then a quilt, and at last was getting so close to the apostle, whom he had not yet seen, that the latter spoke to him. The lad knew the voice and hurried to town to inform his father, who, with Chief Lane, went at once to the scene. With some difficulty they induced Creffield to come out, and after supplying him with clothing they hurried him into a buggy and drove him by a back street to the Benton county jail, in which the apostle was lodged. The whole occurrence transpired within half an hour and Creffield was locked securely in a steel cell in the jail before many Corvallisites learned what had taken place. Creffield was so weak from his long reclining position under the house and from his famished condition, that after he came out from under the building he had to be supported by his captors to the carriage.

### Fed by His Followers.

"It is the belief that all these weeks and months that Creffield has been the subject of reward and search, he has been hiding under the Hurt house. It is believed also that he was fed and maintained here by his followers. His time under the building was spent in a hole in the ground under the northeast corner of the house. It is more than three months ago that Creffield fled from Portland. The hole in the ground is alongside the brick foundation and is six feet long, 18 inches deep and two and a half feet wide. The spot was the darkest place under the house. In the hole there was a pillow and two old quilts. Under the pillow was a pair of old drawers and a shirt. These were the only articles the apostle had to keep him warm.

"The dirt from the hole had been leveled off and under it were found 11 half gallon and seven quart fruit jars all empty save that in one there was a little sugar, in another a little flour

and in several decayed remains of a little uneaten fruit. A small tin cup had butter in it, and another showed that it had been used for stirring flour. In one of the jars fruit and flour had been stirred together. These articles, with a knife and spoon, all hidden under the dirt, completed the naked apostle's commissary department.

### Talks of Jesus.

"In the county jail Creffield was as silent as a sphinx. To a newspaper man he would not talk. When Dr. Peynot was summoned to investigate his physical condition, it was some time before the long-haired, light-bearded ghost-like man would say anything. On one subject, though, he was profuse in speech—he insisted upon talking about Jesus. In whispers and disjointed sentences, he said, 'Oh, I feel so good; Jesus is so near me; Jesus told me last night this would happen.' In this kind of vein he wanted to chatter all the time. When the doctor diverted his attention with the inquiry, 'When did you have your last meal,' there was no reply. 'What did you have for your last meal?' was followed by hesitation and then a whispered, 'A little flour.' All the time the gray eyes shone bright and were a lurid setting for the hollow cheeks and unkempt hair, the long, light beard and the steel cell bars. When asked if he wanted food, he said after hesitation, 'Yes, if there is no hog meat in it; Jesus don't want us to eat hogs, you know.'

"After a day in jail Creffield was taken to Portland by a Multnomah deputy sheriff, and there tried for adultery and sent to the penitentiary for two years."

### CURE FOR TUBERCULOSIS.

#### Japanese Physician Believes he Can Cure the Disease.

The Kobe (Japan) Herald says: "We learn from the Japan Times that Mr. Ishigami Toru, director of the Ishigami Epidemic Laboratory, Oosaka, has discovered a cure for tuberculosis from which much is expected. Mr. Ishigami has for the last eight years devoted his energies to the cure of tuberculosis, and in the year before last he began to get 'on the track' of the discovery above referred to. He announced the results of his experiments at last Thursday's sitting of the National Medical Conference now in session in Tokyo. His statement was substantially as follows: 'The tuberculotoxinoidin,' a cure for tuberculosis, is a chemical compound with the tubercle-bacillus. From my experience for several years, I have concluded that the medicine is efficient in curing tuberculosis and free from any injurious effects on the patient. Since I published an account of the medicine in the year before last, it has been distributed among a large number of physicians. At present more than twenty physicians are using it. According to their reports, so far furnished, the medicine has been administered to 219 patients. Of the number, 79 were completely cured, 80 partially, 45 ceased using the medicine owing to private circumstances, and 15 died.

"The defect of ordinary tuberculin medicines is that they react in the body of the patient and result in a sort of fever. The tuberculotoxinoidin obviates this reaction. In the event of the patient being exhausted on account of the disease, the cure is not so effective. But when the disease is in its primary stage, a cure can be insured in two to six months. The medicine insures the cure of at least one-third of consumptives."

### GIRLS DROWNED.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 3.—Rosie Davis and Kate Walter, both about 18 years old, were drowned today at Clark's Landing, by the upsetting of their sailboat. Frank Sharp and Henry Gries, swam ashore.

### NOTHING DOING.

NAPLES, May 13.—Professor Matteucci, director Royal Observatory at Mount Vesuvius, telegraphs that while the volcano is in slight eruption the situation is not grave.

### Sore Nipples.

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## PERSONAL MENTION.

Carl Fisher of Svensen and C. E. Lowe of Eureka, Cal., who is visiting Mr. Fisher, were in Astoria yesterday for a short business and pleasure trip.

Charles Chislett, Theo. Peterson, and Henry Baack, went to Svensen yesterday and spent the day fishing. They returned home afoot, without fish, but with plenty of exercise.

Mr. and Mrs. Leventhal arrived last night from San Francisco having lost all, to visit Mrs. Leventhal's aunt, Mrs. Charles Bertelsen.

### IN FROM TILLAMOOK.

J. W. Bennett, of the banking firm of Bennett & Flannigan, of Tillamook City, arrived here on the steamer Redondo yesterday morning, on a business and pleasure trip. He met many friends in the city yesterday who were glad to see him, and to hear his cheery reports of things commercial and political in that section of Oregon. He is Tillamookian to the ground.

### MILLS WILL CLOSE.

#### Ninety-Day Suspension of Operations Beginning December 1.

The shingle mills of the state will close down for ninety days beginning December 1, if the decision arrived at by the Shingle Mills Bureau Saturday is carried out. The combination cedar lumber and shingle mills are to close December 15, and remain closed for six weeks, or half the period of the straight mills. Men will be placed in the field soon to organize the movement among the mills not represented at the meeting.

The present state of the market was considered satisfactory, but, in view of the attacks that have been made on it by bear brokers, it was decided by resolution that whenever the market should go below the present figures, the trustees might, in their discretion, order a general close-down. This matter will come before the meeting of the trustees of the bureau Saturday. This action, though the bureau does not so announce in so many words, fixes the price of shingles for the year at the present figure, \$1.80 and \$2.00 per thousand wholesale.—Willapa Harbor Pilot.

### SCORE 8 TO 2.

By a score of 8 to 2 the First Astoria team defeated the Second team yesterday afternoon. The game throughout was fast and exciting to the spectators, and the sample of ball put up augurs well for the future games which will be played here this season by the "Shamrocks," who will be selected from the best players of the two teams who played yesterday. The best players have been selected from the first and second teams and these nine men will compose the "Shamrocks." The men chosen for the crack team are: Medcraft, Brakke, Morrison, Arnt, Jackson, Carlson, McCann, Weatherford, Wroten, Yancey, Crowe, Painter. The first game of the "Shamrocks" will take place on May 30 with the Multnomah team in this city. A subscription will be taken to defray the expenses of the "Shamrocks," and every one who is asked to subscribe should do so without protest.

### It is Dangerous to Neglect a Cold.

How often do we hear it remarked: "It's only a cold," and a few days later learn that the man is on his back with pneumonia. This is of such common occurrence that a cold, however slight, should not be disregarded. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia, and has gained its great popularity and extensive sale by its prompt cures of this most common ailment. It always cures and is pleasant to take. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

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